

Telemarketers are ruining my life. I work third shift and there are sometimes weeks that go by when I cannot get a full uninterrupted sleep. For years I've told them to put me on their do not call list yet the battle still continues. I have NEVER bought anything from a telemarketer and now never will on pure principle, yet my phone number is sold as a potential customer to hundreds of unscrupulous corporations. Sometimes I get automated messages where I have to return their call to have my name removed. Other times, I just get hung up on by the computer dialing me, giving me no chance whatsoever to prevent further nuisance calls. In one case, (GM Credit) I was inquiring with a supervisor why I'd have to wait up to ten weeks in order to be removed from their calling list, I was told "That's just the way it is", then subsequently hung up on. I cannot begin to explain the improvement in my quality of life that a federal do-not-call list would bring. Better yet, have an opt-in list for people to get telemarketing calls. The only way to opt-in is to send a written letter to the controlling authorities. Make sure said person has to write an opt-in letter every two years or else they stop getting telemarketing calls. In a recent article a DMA official said that an opt-in list would be catastrophic for their economic model. In ANY other business if you aggravated a vast majority of your potential customer base, you'd go out of business. Let this rule of business apply to them and let them sleep in the bed they've made.